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fell in. And she would have drowned but for the prompt bravery of a youth. He, slipping off coat and shoes, plunged in, and after four or five minutes of hard work, brought the girl safe ashore.

"The old German father was transported.

"Noble-minded youth," said he, "we do, indeed, owe you a debt of gratitude. A hundred thousand marks or my daughter's hand—choose! Which shall it be?"

The youth, who was no less wise than brave, thought to himself that if he took the daughter he would some day get the money also, and accordingly, without a moment's hesitation, he made answer:

"I choose your daughter."

"A wise choice," said the old father. "I could not have given you the one hundred thousand marks, for I am only a poor cobbler; but you shall have the girl, and that gladly. Join hands, dear children, and receive my blessing."—American Lawyer.

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**The Wise "Cop."**—Seven hundred and ninety examination papers of would-be policemen are in the hands of the Chicago Merit Board. Here are some definitions:

Homicide—"Leaving wife or children under sixteen without a home"; also a "person committing himself"; also "to ruin a person's face."

Perjury—"Unjustly defaming the character of another"; also "trying to beat the State law."

Alibi—"An additional name to a person"; also "false oath."

Gaming—"Killing game without a license"; also "making fun of people."

Felony—"A case in which a person may try to get what is unlawfully due to him, such as money."

One writer was slightly hazy as to the duty of a policeman in caring for an injured man. When asked to "state the duty of an officer when he finds a person seriously injured as the result of an accident," he added tersely "arrest that person."

"Carrying concealed weapons is a hold-up man," wrote another.

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## BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Encyclopedic Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports**, vol. 9. The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Va. 1907.

The promise of the publishers to put this work completed into the hands of the profession in the spring or early summer of this year will be undoubtedly kept. Volume 9 is now in hand, and the three additional volumes necessary to complete the Digest are, we are informed, well under way. The present volume covers the sub-

jects from Jury to Mortality Tables. The first article, "Jury," requires 67 pages to digest. It is followed by such important subjects as "Laches," "Landlord and Tenant," "Libel and Slander," "Life Insurance," "Limitation of Actions," "Marriage," "Master and Servant," "Mechanics' Liens," "Mines," etc., all of which show the same system, care, admirable arrangement and facility for ready reference characterizing the preceding volumes. If the publishers have made haste, evidently the editors and compilers have not done so in any such way as to injure the high character of their work. Each volume maintains the same standard of excellency and the completed work will be one simply invaluable to the profession.

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**Report of the 29th Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association at St. Paul, Minn., August 29th, 30th and 31st. Vol. 1. Dando Pub. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1906.**

The increased size of the Report of the Association for 1906 requires it to be published in two volumes. The first volume has been sent us. It contains the admirable address of the President, George R. Peck. In this he departs somewhat from the order of the Association requiring the President "To communicate the most noteworthy changes in Statute Law on points of general interest made in the several states and by Congress during the preceding year," and whilst grouping the important legislation adds to it a philosophical and eloquent dissertation on legislation and the relation of the individual to organized society.

Judge Alton B. Parker's address on the "Congestion of Law" is an excellent paper. Roscoe Pound's address on "Causes of Popular Dissatisfaction with the Administration of Justice" is a paper worthy of the most careful and serious consideration. If it could be read in connection with Judge Amidon's fine paper before the Minnesota Bar Association last year, it would give the reader one of the finest treatises on "The Law's Delays" and many wise and valuable suggestions to our lawmakers, especially upon the need of reform in our pleading and practice as to appeals.

John J. Jenkins, Esq., has a paper on the important question of the power of Congress to transfer to the states the power of regulating commerce. He concludes that Congress has no such constitutional right. He calls attention to the dangerous character of proposed Federal legislation allowing the states to prevent the introduction of interstate commerce into a receiving state and to make the carrier and every person handling the product liable to punishment by that state. He pronounces such legislation unconstitutional and his reasoning and quotation of adjudicated cases seems to bear him out.

Thomas J. Kernan's "Jurisprudence of Lawlessness," which has heretofore been printed in the "Green Bag," makes poignant allusion